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APPLICANT: Nakamura, et al.

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/788,847 EXAMINER: Burkhart, Michael D

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FOR: GENE AND PROTEIN RELATING TO HEPATOCELLULAR CARCINOMA

AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action mailed on October 17, 2007 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the Response is due on or before April 17, 2008.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee in the amount of \$1,050.00 that is due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 25371-021 CIP).

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